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EXECUTIVE, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH POSITIONS

The committee approved three bills authorizing new top management and scientific research positions necessary for the effective conduct of vital defense functions and other essential Government programs.

S. 1845 authorizes pay adjustments for Patent Office Examiner in Chief and

designated Examiners in Chief from the present \$12,770-\$13,970 level to maximums of \$17,500 and \$15,150, respectively; an increase from 146 to 260 in the number of supergrade positions—\$14,190 to \$17,500—in the Treasury Department; and a net increase of 94 in supergrade positions available to the Civil Service Commission for allocation to other departments and agencies against a considerable backlog of requests—of which, 20 are earmarked for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 4 for the Bureau of Prisons, 3 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, 1 for the Department of Labor, 15 for the Small Business Administration, and 1 for the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, upon justification by these departments and agencies. Pay of executive positions is adjusted as follows: Commissioner of Social Security, from \$17,500 to \$20,000; and Deputy Commissioner and Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service, Administrative Assistant Attorney General, and Administrative Assistant Secretaries of Agriculture, Labor, and Treasury from \$17,500 to \$19,000. The Administrator, Agricultural Research Service, presently paid \$17,500 under the Federal Executive Pay Act, is transferred to one of the scientific research positions provided by the bill. The Departments of Agriculture, and Health, Education, and Welfare, respectively are granted 10 and 5 additional scientific research positions in the salary range \$12,500 to \$19,000.

Public Law 86-36 removes National Security Agency personnel from the Classification Act since the Agency security functions make it impossible to give the Civil Service Commission normal position classification and duty data; re-establishes the 50 existing Agency scientific research positions under the new act; and authorizes the Agency Director to fix salaries of other employees, as justified by levels of responsibilities, in relation to Classification Act salary rates, with not more than 50 supergrade positions in the \$14,190-\$17,500 range.

H.R. 6059 increases from 303 to 372 the number of supergrade positions—salary range \$14,190-\$17,500—and from 292 to 450 the number of scientific research positions—salary range \$12,500-\$19,000—in the Defense Department to perform necessary duties resulting from the greatly increased complexity and tempo of our defense effort.